



Highlights: International Women's Day @ ACC

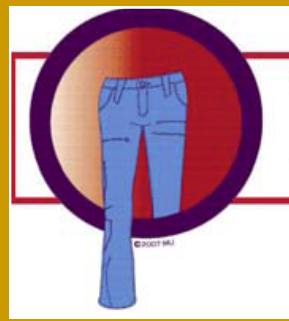


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March is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. OFW is preparing for March 27th, Denim Day, and a special event with FiberWorks ([more about Fiberworks & Denim Day](#)) and the [Center for Women & Families](#). So mark your calendar and Save The Date! Plan to drop by 810 Barret Ave, March 27th, between 10am and 3pm.

[Register](#) your commitment to support victims of sexual assault on March 27th by going to this link and telling us whether you are joining the Denim Day as an individual or if you are the Denim Day contact for a group.

We'll be asking for Denim Day photos!



The Americana Community Center with support from Office for Women hosted an International Women's Day Luncheon on March 8th.

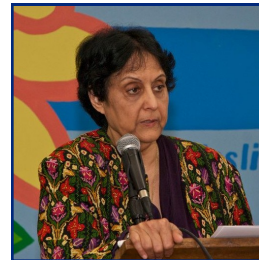
Five women honorees and those who nominated them are shown in the photo taken by the Americana Community Center: (L to R) Amber Duke, of the ACLU of KY, nominated Shakyari Palacios; Waffa Habal, nominated by Anna Leckie; Asya Akca, nominated by Marsha Weinstein



of Louisville Girls Leadership; Prady Rivera, nominated by Jared Zarantonello of Americana (not pictured); Emilie Dyer of Americana, who nominated Wawa Win Nyunt; Changwa Muya, nominated by Ashley Marshall of PACT in Action.

International Women's Day is a world wide movement to show appreciation and respect for all women and to raise awareness of sexual violence against women. In keeping with that theme Dr. Riffat Hassan, professor emerita in Humanities at the University of Louisville, provided the keynote speech.

Dr. Hassan dedicated her speech to young Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, who has become the youngest Nobel Prize nominee. You can see [Malala telling her story](#) during her recovery from being gunned down for advocating for the education of girls. More about her Nobel Prize nomination is [here](#).



Dr. Riffat Hassan, March 8th, 2013 (photo courtesy of the Americana Community Cen-

Denim Day—March 27th

Each year Office For Women and Metro employees support the Center for Women and Families' Denim Day Awareness project. Denim Day is one of several activities during March in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

Last year several thousand people in Kentuckiana signed on to raise awareness of sexual assault by wearing jeans on Denim Day.

Please join us in taking a stand for victims of sexual assault & in the effort to raise awareness. Participation is easy! **To be counted:** Register & wear denim on March 27th.

[Please register online](#) so we can provide an accurate count to the Center. We will also be sharing information about a special Denim Day with FiberWorks and the Center for Women & Families at 810 Barret Ave on the 27th.

Last year over 1200 Metro Employees stepped up for Denim Day. Let's make 2013 a record setting year for awareness and support of victims!

Facts and Questions about Denim Day

Denim Day originated as a protest to an Italian High Court overturning a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The women of the Italian legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to the afternoon legislative session.

Why do we wear jeans?

- To make a social statement as a visible means of protest against myths that surround sexual assault.

What is the Denim Day Mission?

- Educate: There is **no** excuse for rape.
 - Promote: Awareness of the prevalence of rape.
 - Empower: Step forward, take a stand against rape.
- What does the Denim Day violet circle symbolize?*

- It is a symbol of protection and healing and the color violet is associated with inner strength to endure undesirable situations.

What does the forward movement of the jeans represent?

- The forward movement of the jeans symbolizes a survivor of rape moving forward; gaining power and strength.



News For & About Women

March is Women's
History Month!

The Kentucky Commission on Women is holding the annual Kentucky Women Remembered ceremony in Frankfort at the Capitol Rotunda on Tues., March 12th when three 2013 nominees will be honored.

You can see the list of current Kentucky Women Remembered [here](#).

Women's History Month is an annual observance to write women back into history.

Check out the nominations for Today's Woman magazine's [2013 Most Admired Woman](#). We think you'll see some very worthy candidates!

You can visit [Today's Woman online](#) to see local activities of interest to women.

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March is:

[Women's History Month](#)

[Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#) (SAAM)

Today (Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.) the Kentucky Commission on Women is hosting **Kentucky Women Remembered** in the Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, Kentucky.

This year's honorees are:

Lois Howard Gray (posthumously)

Honorable Thelma Stovall (posthumously)

Mary Eugenia Wharton (posthumously)

From Women 4 Women:

[Have You Identified Your Personal Brand?](#)

When:

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Doors open at 5 p.m.;

Program 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

UofL to screen 'Girl Rising,' film depicting importance of education for girls worldwide—Free screenings of "Girl Rising," a new film about the power of educating girls for positive social change.

Relationship Ready Seminar for Single Women

March 23, 2013 from 10am - 12noon

Laws Lodge, located on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road.

Registration: \$85(includes 15-min relationship consultation) **TO REGISTER:**

Email EmergingWoman@insightbb.com

PRESENTER: Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, C.M. Smith

Where: Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
2115 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY

Registration:

\$20 - Join 4 a Voice Members

\$30 - Non-Members

Register now at w4w.org.



Louisville Girls Leadership Presents Girls IdeaFestival

Louisville Girls Leadership will present Girls IdeaFestival on

Sunday **April 21, 2013** from **1:30 to 6:00 pm** at the **Spalding University Center Building** located at **824 South 4th Street Louisville, KY**. The event is free if you register online at www.bit.ly/gifestival otherwise the cost is **\$5.00 at the door**.

Beyond the Books: The power to Make a Difference is a workshop for teachers and counselors seeking to support their immigrant students
THURSDAY MARCH 14, 5-8:30 PM
LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
Mari Mujica, PhD, and Alexis Meza, DREAMer, Journalist, and activist will facilitate this workshop in

conjunction with the exhibit of the photo-ethnographies.

Sueños de Mujer, Barreras de Inmigrante (Women's Dreams, Immigrant Barriers) which opens at Wayside Expressions Gallery, (**Wayside Christian Mission Hotel Louisville**, 120 West Broadway) this Friday. [E-Mail To Register](#)

Without "U" there is no Success! Dress for Success Louisville is issuing a challenge to all the women's groups in our community to support our cause on **Thursday, March 21, 2013** for a fun, wonderful event, Gals & Guys Hats & Ties Silent Auction & Fashion Show at historic Churchill Downs **from 6 – 9 p.m.** This powerful event benefits a diverse group of unemployed & under-

employed women in our community with vital career clothing, career development for their job readiness and path to self-sufficiency. Tickets are only \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door. Awesome hats & ties donated by some of Louisville's finest designers and community leaders, fashion show, food and entertainment makes this a must see and experience event.

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